SECRET FRP: , , , , , , ,
STAFF

CONF: EUR-8 INFO: FILE, VR, DDO-4, DDA, AGC/DDC, C/PCS, CA-4, CCS-2, CI-4, COMMO-7, CWO-2, DDO/DO, IP/DMS, LA-8, LSN/IC, LSN/MIL, ODPD-D, OGC-2, OLC, SE-8, SECUR-3, (62/P)

78 0421219 PAGE 001
TOT: 152147Z MAR 78 DIRECTOR 188531

S E C R E T
STAFF 152146Z DIRECTOR 188531
TO: [LONDON.] 15-1
WNINTEL [MHSPLASH] [CKLEG] [SGCHART] [RTWINNER]
REF: [LONDON] 92099 0391413

1. FOLLOWING ARE HEADQUARTERS TRACES FYI [LONDON] ONLY ON WILLIAM GAUDET AND ANTONIO VECIANA MENTIONED REF.

2. WILLIAM GEORGE G A U D E T

DPOB: 21 SEPTEMBER 1908, ST. JAMES, LOUISIANA, USA

CIT: U.S.

AS OF CA 1953 GAUDET'S ADDRESS WAS GIVEN AS 2176 ESPLANADE AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. HE WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF LATIN AMERICA AND PUBLISHED IN THE EARLY 1950'S A MAGAZINE OR BULLETIN "LATIN AMERICAN REPORTS". HE WAS A CONTACT OF DCD FROM 1948 UNTIL NOVEMBER 1961 IN NEW ORLEANS AREA. HE WAS DEBRIEFED ON HIS LATIN AMERICAN TRAVELS 1948-1955 AND WAS A CASUAL CONTACT FROM 1955-1961. GAUDET WAS AMONG INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN A LETTER OF 24 JANUARY 1978 TO CIA FROM THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS. THE COMMITTEE INTENDED CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH GAUDET AND INQUIRED IF DCD HAD EVER BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIM. HQS RESPONDED ON 27 JAN 1978 SAYING WE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIM FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, BUT HAD NO CURRENT CONTACT WITH OR RECENT INTEREST IN HIM.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT GAUDET HAS MADE THIS CLAIM BEFORE, THAT OF HAVING BEEN AN "OPERATIVE" AND HAS EXAGGERATED HIS ROLE WITH THE AGENCY. AS AN INTERESTING HISTORICAL ASIDE, AN ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON "STAR" (15 JAN 1976) REPORTED GAUDET HAD RECEIVED MEXICAN TOURIST VISA IN NEW ORLEANS, APPARENTLY CIRCA 1963. HIS VISA NUMBER IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED THAT OF VISA GRANTED LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

3. ANTONIO CARLOS V E C I A N A BLANCH (201-0312966)

DPOB: 18 OCTOBER 1928, CUBA

SECRET

CI / ——
Fr. Veciana 201 and also did not mark this for filing in the 201.
BC
15-1
201
3-5-3
Fi: VECIANA 201
7/PV

14-00000

SECRET

STAFF

---

78 0421219 PAGE 003

TOT: 152147Z MAR 78 DIRECTOR 188531

ORIG: EURBC (WERDEN) 03; COORD: AC/ACS/LSN (KUHN); FOR AGC/DDC;
LA/COG/COCI (SPEED); 03
REL: C/E/BC (STIMSON). 03

END OF MESSAGE SECRET

3/1/V